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**Patent Application**

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ALLEN K. MURRAY

Serial No. 10/501,577

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For: **ENZYMATIC DEGRADATION OF  
COTTON FIBERS: EFFECT OF PROTEIN  
CROSS-LINKING AND THE USE OF  
DEGRADATION TO CHARACTERIZE  
FIBERS OF PLANTS OF DIFFERENT  
GENETIC BACKGROUNDS**

PATENT APPLICATION

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RE: Response to Communication**

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office communication mailed on December 19, 2008.

**Ammendments to Claims:**

I Claim:

11. [Currently Amended] The methods of any of the claims 5-10, further comprising the step of utilizing the characterization of cotton fibers according to the